

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jo Ellen Craze and the Soddy-Daisy High School varsity cheerleaders.

WHEREAS, at the heart of any successful athletic program is a strong cheerleading squad and thus we were proud to learn of the accomplishments of one such capable squad, the exceptional Soddy-Daisy High School varsity cheerleaders, who have generated considerable enthusiasm at their fine school, winning the prestigious Cheerleaders of America National Championship; and

WHEREAS, this was their second straight national championship at that memorable competition; and

WHEREAS, against strong competition from 51 other squads, they finished third at the National Cheerleaders of America National Championship, held in Dallas, Texas. In addition to the team scholarship, Team Captain Amy Eagan received a \$4,000 scholarship for winning the individual varsity competition which consisted of 73 cheerleaders. Laura Davy also received \$1,250 in this division for placing fourth and Jamie Webb took fourth place in the freshman division; and

WHEREAS, Soddy-Daisy, with dazzling performances also finished first at the Tennessee Sports Fest, held in Chattanooga and the Tennessee Valley Fair, held in Knoxville, for the sixth year in a row; and

WHEREAS, at the Clinic Bowl Cheerleading Championship, held in Nashville, they finished runner-up; and

WHEREAS, at the National Cheerleaders of America Summer Camp held in Maryville, the very talented Soddy-Daisy squad received Best Squad, Most Spirit and T.E.A.M. award

recognition. Five squad members were selected All-American Cheerleaders: Amy Eagan, Laura Davey, Ashley Porter, Jenny Cook and Amanda Walker; and

WHEREAS, the members of the squad have worked very hard spending hundreds of hours in practice; and

WHEREAS, the expert coach of the group, Jo Ellen Craze, is a highly regarded professional, who has done an excellent job; and

WHEREAS, the other members of the squad were: Cathie Beene, Tonya Dodd, Laura Flenniken, Jaime Hogue, Amanda Johnson, April Keyser, Jenny Pack, Mandy Parker, Kirisa Smith, Leina Swearingen and Kari Newman; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize this exemplary cheerleading squad; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jo Ellen Craze and the Soddy-Daisy High School varsity cheerleaders and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.